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Applicant: DAVID KEATING

Serial No.: 10/602,100

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Title: MICRO LEAD FRAME PACKAGE AND
METHOD TO MANUFACTURE THE MICRO
LEAD FRAME PACKAGE

Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: Alonzo Chambliss

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following species of invention pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121: (A1) a lead frame substrate; (A2) a lead frame substrate with a housing; and (A3) a lead frame substrate with a housing and a circuit board. The Examiner acknowledged that Claims 35 and 37-39 are generic.

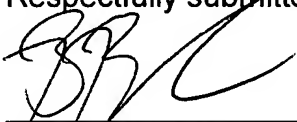
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In response, Applicant elects without traverse the species A1. Claims readable on the elected species include Claims 1-13, 35, and 37-39.

Applicant respectfully submits that this is the second time that the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement in this application, and the Examiner has provided no reason why this second restriction requirement could not have been made in the first Office Action. These repeated requirements unnecessarily delay prosecution of this patent application. Accordingly, an examination on the merits of the elected claims without further such requirements is respectfully solicited.

If it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview. To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time, extending to May 15, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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